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In re Patent Application: : Group Art Unit: 2143  
A. King : Examiner: April L. Baugh  
Serial No.: 09/539,459 : IBM Corporation  
Filed: 03/30/2000 : Intellectual Property Law  
Title: METHOD & STRUCTURE FOR : Department IQ0A/040-3  
EFFICIENTLY RETRIEVING STATUS FOR : 1701 North Street  
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This is in response to the office action dated 10/02/2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

54.(currently amended) A method for communicating to a host system a change in numerically variable characteristic status of a subsystem coupled to said host system, said method comprising the steps of:

said subsystem receiving a request from by said host system to monitor said numerically variable characteristic a status of said subsystem and report to said host system a value of said characteristic or an amount of change of in said characteristic status when a minimum numerical amount of said change occurs, ~~but not report a change when no change occurs or less than said minimum numerical amount of change occurs~~, said request specifying said minimum numerical amount of said change; and

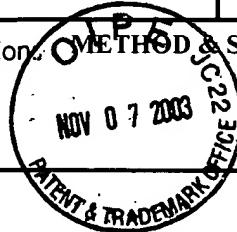
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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)

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2143Invention: ~~METHOD & STRUCTURE FOR EFFICIENTLY RETRIEVING STATUS FOR SCSI ACCESSED~~

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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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